



Today in History

December 23, 1834

▲ Englishman Joseph Hansom patented his “safety cab”. Light enough to be pulled by a single horse, the cab became popular in major cities around the globe

1672: Italian astronomer Giovanni Cassini discovered Rhea, a satellite of the planet Saturn

1861: The Danubian Principalities of Wallachia and Moldavia were formally united as Romania

1888: In a fit of depression Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh cut off his left ear

2018: A tsunami hit the Sunda Strait between Java and Sumatra after the Anak Krakatoa volcano erupted, killing at least 437 people